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Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-69) DATE: 11/25/63

FROM : SUPERVISOR LEON M. GASKILL

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

At 11:10 AM, JOHN RICE, Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, New Orleans, telephonically advised that last night an individual by the name of MITCHELL went to WDSU TV and there talked to ALEC GIFFORD and related certain information he had received from his roommate. MITCHELL's roommate had received a telephone call from an individual known to MITCHELL at that time by the name of JACK. It appears that JACK had been trying to get in touch with one HERMAN S. KOHLMAN, presently an Assistant District Attorney, New Orleans.

According to RICE, KOHLMAN had previously been a roommate of MITCHELL's present roommate. JACK told MITCHELL's roommate that KOHLMAN, a former reporter who had at one time written a story about DAVID W. FERRIE, a hypnotist according to JACK, and that this FERRIE was an associate of OSWALD and FERRIE had either taught OSWALD how to use a telescopic sight or in some way was involved with teaching OSWALD how to use this sight.

RICE advised that the individual receiving the telephone call from JACK has been identified as one J. PHILLIP STEIN, also known as Jerry, and that STEIN had been a former roommate of KOHLMAN.

Mr. RICE advised that all of the above information had come to Secret Service through WDSU-TV and that ALEC GIFFORD of WDSU had referred MITCHELL to Secret Service. RICE advised that about 11:10 PM last night, Agent GARRETTS of his office contacted KOHLMAN and KOHLMAN at that time was very evasive but later admitted that the District Attorney's office in New Orleans was working on the Dallas

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assassination and that he wanted to talk further concerning the matter to Secret Service. KOHLMAN contacted GARRETTS at his home sometime later and related the information to GARRETTS as furnished by MITCHELL.

RICE advised that he did not tell KOHLMAN to pick up MARTENS or BEAUF. RICE stated that after he had talked to ASAC SYLVESTER this morning he received a telephone call from ALEC GIFFORD of WDSU-TV and GIFFORD advised RICE that his TV station wanted to talk to FERRIE about his possible connection with OSWALD. According to RICE he told GIFFORD that he did not know what good this would do at this time.

RICE advised that his office was presently trying to identify the person or persons who had previously been seen handing out literature with OSWALD. According to RICE his office had obtained photographs from WDSU-TV reflecting the pictures of 5 or 6 different people including OSWALD who were either passing out literature with OSWALD or standing in the vicinity of OSWALD while he was passing out literature. He stated that through contact with WDSU-TV his office had learned that one of the persons with OSWALD at the time the photograph was taken could have been one BARRY BAGUGLIA (phonetic).

RICE advised that he could furnish no further information concerning this person other than his name at this time but that his office would notify the FBI if they should subsequently further identify this individual, or any other individuals in the photograph.